



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB 97-195-P)

**In re the Application of:**

Burg et al.

**Application No:** 09/901,181

**Filed:** July 9, 2001

**For: Improved Nucleic Acid Assays**

**Group Art Unit:** 1637

**Examiner:** Kim

**Conf. No.:** 6516

**RESPONSE AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005, in the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time. A check is enclosed for one hundred twenty dollars (\$120). If an additional fee is due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.